

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach an electronic apparatus and method, the apparatus comprising inter alia: a sample rate converter that receives a digital audio and/or video signal transmitted in response to a request; and, an output section that outputs the rate-converted and demodulated video and/or audio signal into a continuous signal, wherein the sample rate converter changes a number of samples to be outputted in the case that a predetermined volume of the video and/or audio signal is rate-converted according to a constant sampling clock and outputted based on: a) time information and/or data volume of the video and/or audio signal processed or outputted by the electronic apparatus; and, b) time information and/or data volume of the video and/or audio signal transmitted from an external apparatus to the electronic apparatus.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation of Relevant Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Zhang et al (US 6,891,854) teaches a system and method for transporting data over a communication channel.

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